**Day 6**

**Cheaha Lake, AL to To Woodall Mountain, MS:** 3.75 hours and 215 miles.

Head northwest on Cheaha Rd (aka 281, and aka 42, and aka 96) for 39 miles to get on I-20 W to Birmingham

Here is how to do that: Turn right onto McElderry Rd (aka 47) left on Campbell Rd, right Watts Rd and right (north)Curry Station Rd (aka 399) – 10 miles

Turn right onto Co Rd 5/Co Rd 93 0.3 miles and turn left to merge onto **I-20 W to Birmingham, AL. – 49 miles**

Take exit 124 C to merge onto I-65 N toward Huntsville - 49.7 mi

Take exit 310 for AL-157 toward Cullman/Moulton, and Continue straight onto US-72 W Entering Mississippi (60 miles)

Continue on 72 w toward Woodall (32 miles)

Take the MS-25 Bypass exit toward Iuka/Fulton heading south 0.2 mi

Turn left onto MS-25 S/Veterans Memorial Dr (signs for Fulton) Continue to follow MS-25 S1.5 mi

Turn right onto Fairground Rd (aka 187?)/Old Hwy 25 for 0.6 mi

Turn left onto Co Rd 176 0.7 mi

Turn right onto Woodall Mountain Rd (aka 185) and go 1 mile.

SummitPost states: **South Side**  
- Exit US-72 and turn South (L) onto SR-25.  
- Drive 0.1 mi South and turn West (R) onto CR-187 (Fairground Rd).  
- Follow CR-187 as it curves 1.2 mi South and turn West (R) on CR-176.  
- Drive 0.7 mi on CR-176 and turn North (R) onto a good dirt road beside a residence.  
- Follow the steep road as it curves 1.0 mi up to the summit of Woodall Mountain (807 ft elev).

The South Side route is an open public easement to the summit, which is occasionally gated. If the gate is closed, simply hike the 1.0 mi and ~200 ft up to the top.

The North Ridge trail is surrounded by private land owned by the Tombigbee Hunting Club. Based on the placement of the "No Trespassing" signs, however, it appears that access is legal along the road/trail.

The summit is marked with a National Geodetic Survey triangulation station disk and three radio towers. A sign cautions visitors to **prepare for a steep, unpaved, and rocky inclined road** approximately a mile in length to the summit.

Atop the hill there is a bench, a high point register, and a gravel circle allowing parking for several vehicles. A wooden observation tower was constructed in the 20th century atop the hill in the middle of the gravel circle. The tower deteriorated over time, with some steps rotting; it was torn down in 1998.

The road up is a rough ride, but once you get to the top, take a few pictures with the plaque and survey marker and then move on to something more exciting, because there's nothing to see there. Ten minutes is more than enough.

**Camping:** One could probably pitch a tent or car-camp on the summit itself, however, it is unknown if this is expressly permitted or forbidden. Or 54 miles, en route to Memphis for Elvis’s Graceland is the Holly Springs NF which Hwy 72 west passes through

Or get a motel in Memphis.